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1892

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Zion Baptist Church, Near Rosser, Ala.,

September 10, 11 and 12, 1891.

OFFICERS:

ELDER J. R. LARKIN, Moderator.....Coatopa, Ala.
ELDER J. D. COOK, Clerk.....Cuba, “
DEACON A. D. FORTNER, Treasurer.....Livingston, “

*The next session of this Association will be held with the Cuba
Baptist Church, Sumter County, Ala., on Thursday
before the second Sabbath in September, 1892.*

DIRECTORY OF BIBBET ASSOCIATION.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.—

J. D. Cook.....	Calera Station, Ala.
W. G. Cherry.....	Limestone, " "
F. A. Freeman.....	Butler, "
A. J. Hearn.....	Yantley Creek, "
J. R. Larkin.....	Catropa, "
W. F. Pond.....	Kinterbish, "
J. W. Smith.....	Jefferson, "
J. L. Tucker.....	Nanafalia, "
C. C. Vaughan.....	Cuba Station,
J. E. Vaughan.....	Mt. Sterling, "
T. B. Woodward.....	Beyill's Store, "

LICENS'D. MINISTERS.

A. B. Spidle.....	Belmont, Ala.	A. P. Evans.....	Kinterbish, Ala.
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SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bethel, W. F. Pond.....	Kinterbish, Ala.
Christian Valley, Wm. Larkin.....	Catropa, "
Clinton, N. M. Carpenter.....	Clinton, "
Concord, W. H. Phillips.....	Yantley Creek, "
Cuba, E. M. Shaw.....	Cuba Station, "
Dionopolis, J. C. K. Hy.....	Dionopolis, "
Hopewell, Choctaw County, J. A. Vaughan.....	Mr. Springs, "
Hopewell, Santa Fe County, James Speed.....	Belmont, "
Limestone, A. D. Farmer.....	Elizurston, "
M. Pleasant, J. Q. Lipscomb.....	Jefferson, "
Silicon, G. W. Greene.....	York Station, "
Stainterville, W. H. Brown.....	Stainterville, "
York, W. J. Pace.....	York Station, "

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT ASSOCIATION IN 1802.

WITH POSTOFFICES OF THE CHARMEN.

Book and Colportage Work—F. M. Ward, Beyill's Store, Ala.; A. P. Evans and L. A. McLean.

Second S. S. Tools—A. D. Farmer, Livingston, Ala.; B. B. Scale and Thos. E. M. Knobley.

Temp. Rates—L. Poole, Cuba Station, Ala.; Jackson Birtton and J. V. Tutt.

Matters of Land and General Education—J. A. Granberry, Yantley Creek, Ala.; J. H. Cook and Wm. Larkin.

State Missions—C. C. Vaughan, Cuba Station, Ala.; O. C. Thomas and H. R. Ross.

Home Missions—W. J. Pace, York Station, Ala.; J. A. Davidson and J. R. Speed.

Foreign Missions—W. F. Pond, Kinterbish, Ala.; E. W. Brock and J. Q. Lipscomb.

Woman's Work—J. W. Jones, Jefferson, Ala.; A. J. Hearn and W. H. Brown.

MINUTES.

The English Evangelical Association met at Zion Baptist Church, 10th Street & Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Thursday, September 10th, 1891, at 11 a. m.

The meeting was begun by singing "There is a fountain filled with blood." The Moderator read the 6th chapter of Galatians, and led in prayer.

In response to the call for representation, the letters from the churches were presented, and by request of the Moderator, were read by brethren J. A. G. Culver, and W. G. Curry.

Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Bethel—J. B. Pond, T. F. Woods, W. S. Clegg, W. F. Pond.
Christian Valley—P. L. Scott, J. P. Johnson.
Clinton—W. D. Green.
Concord—D. W. Brooks, L. A. Brattin, C. French, J. A. Clegg, J. V. L. Hearn, W. H. Phillips.
Cuba—E. M. Shaw, J. D. Cook, L. Clegg, L. P. Clegg, J. V. L. Hearn.
Demopolis—T. C. McRiley, Mrs. C. J. McRiley.
Ephes—W. G. Curry.
Fitchburg—Not represented.
Friendship—Not represented.
Garrison—Letter read.
Hickory Hill—T. H. Woodward.
Hopewell—Charles E. Clark, V. Clegg, W. D. Woods.
Hopewell—Sisterhood—L. R. Scott, C. Clegg, S. L. May, L. Clegg, J. V. L. Hearn.
J. V. L. Hearn.
Livingston—W. G. Curry, A. D. F. Morris, R. R. Foss.
Mt. Hermon—J. C. Wards.
Mt. Moriah—A. J. Morris.
Mt. Pleasant—John W. Smith, Jr., Miss Anna Campbell.
Mt. Sterling—Not represented.
New Prospect—Not represented.
Rehoboth—J. W. Clegg, J. Clegg.
Sports—Marion Ward, C. F. Scott, J. W. Ward, Miss Anna.
Sloam—G. W. Clegg, Mrs. Sloam.
Sumterville—L. Clegg, L. Clegg.
York—W. J. Park, B. W. Johnson, W. W. Drummond.
Zion—Hubert Culver, G. F. Lamm, son.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers. On motion of W. G. Curry, the former officers were re-elected by acclamation, viz: J. R. Larkin, Moderator; J. D. Cook, Clerk; A. D. Fosher, Treasurer.

The Association then adjourned to 2 p. m., after benediction by B. F. Riley.

EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 p. m., and after singing "Nearer my God to thee," the Moderator read the 32nd Psalm. Prayer by W. F. Pond.

No one of the committees on Missionary and General Education being present, on Motion was joint action offering on this committee; F. M. Ward, D. W. Brock and Thos. E. McKinley.

The report on State Missions was read by the chairman, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The success which has crowned our efforts as a denomination in the department of State Mission work, since its inauguration in 1875, demonstrates the importance of organized Christian effort. From the amount of work done, and the amount of good accomplished during all these years, we are forcibly impressed with the fact that as co-laborers in the Master's vineyard, if we would accomplish great things for God and for humanity, these results are to be achieved mainly through well organized, untiring, persistent effort. True as a great denomination of Christians, we have not accomplished all that could be desired, nor all that our financial ability, numbers and religious sentiments would warrant. Yet, when we retrospect the past and compare our present Mission's status with that prior to the beginning of State Missions, we have no cause to grow weary in well-doing. But certainly we should be inspired to redouble our efforts to accomplish still greater results in the years to come.

By reference to State Mission statistics, running through a period of seventeen years, it will be readily conceded that State Missions are a grand success. Many old fields worn out and thrown out and overgrown with thorns and thistles, have been reclaimed and fertilized and tilled, and are yielding bountiful harvests. New fields of virgin soil have been cleared up and brought into cultivation. From statistic furnished by our efficient Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, we are happy to be able to report to this body that there has been a decided advance in all branches of State Missions conducted during the last conventional year, ending October 30, 1881. The report is as follows: *Bethel Circular*, "There was nothing really done in that all is done." If our people would take this for their motto and we would make a full sense of the grave responsibility resting upon them, and we'd do our duty fully to the measure of their ability, with large contributions and their prayers, the time will not be far distant when every town, village and neighborhood in the State of Alabama would have a meeting house, a congregation of worshippers, and a preacher.

During the last conventional year the receipts of the State Mission Board were \$111,200; men employed, 48; missions delivered, 2,000; churches constituted, 75; persons baptized, 360; received by letter, 50; restored, 55; Sunday-schools organized, 14; 1,000 prayer meetings organized, 3,311; regular preaching stations, 170; itinerant preachers, 16; tract distribution of the Bible, 105; meeting houses constructed, 1; meeting houses finished, 7.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. EVANS, Ch'n.

The report was discussed by B. F. Riley, C. G. Elliott, T. B. Woodward, J. A. Granberry, A. J. Hearn and J. M. Kailin.

Pending the discussion, adjourned to 10 a. m. Friday, after benediction by W. G. Curry.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock. Sing, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord." The Moderator read part of the 2nd chapter of Hebrews. Prayer by T. B. Woodward.

Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Received correspondence, amounting to:

- Report of the Southern Baptists—T. J. Sargent—T. J. G. Gillett.
- General Friday Association—M. C. Webb.
- President's Report—J. M. Ross.
- Editor of the Baptist—C. W. Pease.
- Carolina State Convention—W. H. Chapman.
- Fifth Annual Meeting Howard College—Committee of Managers and Board of Southern Baptist Convention—D. L. Purser.
- Chaba Association—J. T. McRae.
- President Howard College—B. F. Riley.
- Bethlehem Association, Miss.—J. M. Ross.

On motion, the further discussion of State Missions was deferred until 2 p. m.

The report on Ministerial and General Education was read as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education has failed to report:

The people of the South were never more interested than now in the subject of education.

In former years and during the period of slavery the efforts to educate the young were largely confined to the other classes of our people. But as time advances this is being changed. The sons and daughters of the wealthy are not so apt to be educated as are those of the lower classes of our people. The cause of this is not far to seek—it is due to the fact that those who are not so well-to-do have no money to pay the cost of educating their children. It is a matter of urgent interest to our people to determine just where they shall educate their sons and daughters. Fortunately the Baptists of Alabama have given instructions exactly meet the demands of our men and our daughters.

The Judson Institute is the college of the South for the education of our girls. It is located in the city of Mobile, Alabama, where it has stood for more than fifty years dispensing education and instruction to our young women. Last year was a fortunate one for the Judson. There entered there one hundred students from all over the South. This year the school has been as busy and comfortable as ever, and no college or seminary has educated our girls more successfully.

Howard College, located at the City of Birmingham, is the best school of its history. There were three hundred and forty-four students—the number of whom were ministerial students. It is a fact that the average work done in order to receive a degree is equal to that of Harvard College. The course is thorough and broad, the degree is well deserved, and the enthusiasm on the part of students and faculty is such as would be difficult to find. The main college building is the largest in the South, and it is rivalled by none of the institutions in all the South. Besides this, there are ten brick secondary buildings occupied and four others in course of erection. It is entirely worthy of the patronage of the Baptist denomination.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, is our school of the prophets. The results of a year in attendance upon the Seminary 105 students. An increase of 100 more is expected every year. It is the largest Baptist Seminary in the world. The influence of this institution is felt throughout the South, and even in portions of the North.

It is gratifying to be able to state that the Baptist denomination of the United States is leading every other in the matter of education.

T. M. Wood, Chmn.

The report was discussed by B. F. Riley.

Missionary collection, 276,59.

Adjourned to 2 p.m., after benediction by C. G. Elliott.

FRIDAY.

EVENING SESSION.

Came together at the appointed hour, and sang, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." The Association was led in prayer by J. M. Kailin.

The report on Ministerial and General Education was further discussed by B. F. Riley, W. B. Crumpton, and C. G. Elliott, and after pledges to Ministerial Education, and cash for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as recorded below, the report was adopted.

PERIODICITY IN LOCALISATION

The Moderator appointed the following special committees:

Uma S.-D. W. L. H. B. L. and A. R. G. dos

Pr. C. H. and Fr. J. M. A. Johnson and Dr. Wm. H. of Zion Church.

Montgomery, J. B., L. C. W., S. P. King, and W. D. Green.

Correspondence: J. C. M. G. T. van der Valken and T. B. Woodward.

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9:30 to 10:00 A.M.—Personal exercises.
 10 o'clock—Home lessons.
 10:30, Foreign language.
 11, Preaching, by W. G. Carry.

THEODORE R. HOFF.

Preaching by C. G. Elliott.

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10 a.m., Sunday School Meeting,
11 a.m., Preaching at Mt. Rainier.

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By making our publications more numerous than we may do them as cheaply as elsewhere, but we trust the result will be that the good work of supplying the Word of God to the world, if not, is pushed forward.

The contributions to this purpose during the last ten months have been only \$27.00, which shows that, taking into account the cost of the increasing work, if once placed upon a safe foundation, and could receive the patronage of the people, the organization would easily sustain.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. DAVIDSON, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by J. A. Davidson and W. B. Crumpton, then adopted.

The following was offered by A. J. Hearn and adopted :

Whereas, There is a want of system in raising means for Ministerial Education, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a specified amount be given to the Committee on Apportionment to be divided among the churches comprising this Association.

Adjourned after benediction by W. G. Curry.

SATURDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Owing to rain, did not assemble until 10 o'clock. The Moderator read the 3d chapter of Colossians, and D. I. Purser led the Association in prayer.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

The report on Home Missions was read, as follows :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

More and more pressing do the claims of Home Missions become, as the years roll on. With our rapidly increasing population the work to be done by the Home Mission Board appeals more and more loudly to the sympathies of the churches.

The last report of the Board to the Southern Baptist Convention shows gratifying results. Increase is shown all along the line of its work. We glean from the report the following encouraging facts: Workers employed this year 406, against 371 last year; an increase of 35. The results of labor show a corresponding increase. Baptisms this year 5,319; a gain of 872 over the preceding year. The additions to Mission churches last year were 8,003; this year, 9,987; a gain of 1,884. Church houses built last year, 84; this year, 143; a gain of 59. The sum expended last year in their erection, was \$37,321.85; this year it aggregates \$60,473.00. These figures clearly show that the blessing of God is resting upon this department of Christian effort. The most deplorable feature is that our people have not yet arisen to a proper appreciation of the work committed to the Home Mission Board. The contributions of the churches are far below what they should be. In the face of the facts that in the last few years the territory to be occupied by the Board, has been largely increased by the addition of Cuba and other portions of our Western domain, thus increasing the demands upon us to supply these needs. Our contributions stand but little in advance of the old figures. This lack is the owing to the want of information. To supply this need we would earnestly recommend that preachers encourage the circulation of Missionary literature among their people; more especially

the Foreign Mission Journal. On May 1st, 1891, the following question was put to the Board of Directors:

"Brethren of the Christian Church, how can we best serve the Lord in His cause? Is it by the promotion of our own interests? It is not so. We are here to do the work of God. We have been called to do His work, you know, and to do it well. We have been called to do it well, trembled by the storms of the world, and driven from every source? Take from hands that are eager to do what we know God needs to be done, these hands that rest in our chest, and in our nations, equip us for this giant task before us, prepare us for this battle that must decide the question of *Bethel's supremacy* in our land, and let us before our summons come, do for our country and for our God a work in which the earth and heavens shall rejoice."

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. Clegg, Chairman.

The report was discussed by D. L. Purser, then adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented by the Chairman as follows :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A casual glance at the magnitude of the work to be done by the Foreign Mission Board, and the apparently little that is being done, will at first produce a sense of despondency, but a more careful examination will change this to buoyancy and hope. There are many encouraging signs prominent. We would call attention to the co-operation existing between our State and Foreign Mission Boards, and this applies to all of the States engaged in the Foreign Foreign Convention. For a while there was, if not actual friction, a difference, but to-day they work hand in hand. Our State Convention has talks for Missions in general. This is a very important feature to both Boards, as it evinces a Christian spirit of service. This is the case. The contributions to the Foreign Mission Board have been increasing, increasing since its organization, and it is interesting to determine just how much good work done by the Board is being paid for, and appreciated. We are to-day represented by our agents in Africa, India, Japan, China, Africa and Italy. I specify these, because Africa is being done in this different field, while for this paper, not necessarily long. But we will content ourselves with seeing the work done, each is the best efforts of the brethren and sisters, who have been born and the plant is a nation of them, and have literally offered their lives to the service of God.

It would seem that man's desire for money is under the provision of God made a co-worker with his servants. Our Kelly in Africa, as before, is being built to reach the wealth of the country, and as these roads they make it more accessible to the Missionary.

In Japan we note the urgent demand for a larger working force. Japan is now ready to receive new ideas and new spiritual inquiries. Your committee recommend that now is the time to send forth *seed* to sow the word of eternal life in that pagan land where there are 100,000,000 souls. Out of that vast number there are only 1,000,000 Christians. One of this number the Baptists claim only 1,000. There are other 1,000,000 claimed for Japan. Only one to two and a half millions of souls, our mission there, while young and small, is promising. We, as Africanites, ought to rally close to our African friends in this. Dr. R. W. McCollum gives hopeful accounts of his work there.

In conclusion we give our hearty approval to the object our Board is putting forth to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the First Missions

next year, by sending in the additional work. Elliott's report and approval received, upon the part of the Board, to go along with it.

It specially desired,

A. D. Evans, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by A. D. Fortner, C. W. Hale and C. G. Elliott.

Owing to the lateness of the hour when the body assembled, and the press of business, the appointment for preaching at 11 a. m. was rescinded.

D. L. Purser was given an opportunity to present the claims of Howard College and the interests of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, after which subscriptions were given to rear dormitory buildings of Howard College, as follows:

DORMITORY BUILDINGS, HOWARD COLLEGE.

J. R. Larkin, Coatopa.....	\$ 50 00
A. P. Evans, Kinterbush.....	50 00
W. D. Green, Clinton.....	25 00
F. M. Ward, Bevill's Store.....	25 00
L. A. Brock, Yantley Creek.....	10 00
T. E. McKinley, Demopolis.....	5 00
Mrs. J. D. Cook, Cuba.....	2 50
Mrs. S. W. Watts, Meridian, Miss.....	5 00
Mrs. Celia Green, York Station.....	1 00
Miss D. A. Green, York Station.....	1 00
O. F. Meng, Pustnataha.....	5 00
B. B. Seale.....	paid 1 00
A. P. Scarborough.....	paid 1 00
B. A. May.....	paid 50
Cash.....	50
Total.....	\$ 178 00

The report on Temperance was read as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

"Wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth him aright." That it is potent of evil is conceded. It is the winter's blight that destroys the ambition of young men, and gives regardlessness to the face of the old. By its influence, the stronger man is laid heavily upon the helpless wife, that the former has vowed to defend.

Widow and stand in the tragedies of woe, struck in the paleness of the cheeks, while orphans cry in vain for the necessities of life. Strong drink fills our jails, beggars our land, and withers more hopes than all other evils of the day. Like a dark cloud, it shuts out the light of happiness, and sends the lightning of devastation.

Why should there be any opposition to temperance? It comes the dove with the olive of peace, giving homes of plenty, hearts of joy, and hopes of eternal glory. Look about over this land of temperance, and what do you see? Hovels transformed into palaces, ignorance supplanted by culture, and barren fields turned into gardens of flowers. These are the results of temperance.

But there is a dark page in our statistics which tell us that in this fair land of America, the cause of temperance is giving way. During the five years preceding 1854, while the population increased 75 per cent, the consumption of distilled liquors increased 14 per cent, and that of malt liquors

After a short interval, Mr. C. W. Hare, of the First Church, gave a report on Temperance, which was adopted. The report was as follows:

The Association of this Association, in its annual meeting in May 1850, passed the following resolution:

"That we do most cordially and heartily commend the temperance cause, and especially the cause of total abstinence from all liquors, to our beloved brethren, exhorting them to exert themselves in the cause of temperance, and to do all in their power to diffuse the spirit of temperance throughout the land, and to put it into practice in their daily lives."

May we not, in like manner, exhort our churchmen to do all in their power to diffuse the spirit of temperance throughout the land, and to put it into practice in their daily lives?

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Hearn, Chm.

The report was discussed by A. J. Hearn. Pending the discussion, adjourned to 2 p.m., after benediction by C. W. Hare.

EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed hour, and sang, "Is my name written there?"

The report on Temperance was further discussed by C. G. Elliott, C. W. Hare and L. Poole. The report was then adopted.

The report on Sabbath-schools was submitted as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

It is with profound gratitude that your committee presents the following report on interest in Sabbath-schools. But it is a matter of regret that we cannot report an increasing interest. We see from the report at the last Association that in twenty-two churches represented, fifteen reported Sabbath-schools, with seven hundred and five names on the roll.

We find on examination that twenty churches are represented at this session of the Association, fifteen with Sabbath-schools with six hundred and fifty-seven names on the roll.

Now, how is it that we cannot have the pleasure of reporting a school for each church represented, with a few by the wayside at school houses, with an increasing interest?

We see progress in every other department of Christian work. The mission work is continually being crowned with the best results, year by year; we see more interest manifested in industrial education. There is a growing interest in general education. Why, why not have an interest manifested in Sabbath-schools? We can if we will. We know if not, that we should bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, then to train them properly at home, and in the Sabbath-school.

Each church seems to need a few more consecrated, self-denying, God-loving and God fearing brethren and sisters.

God grant that each member of this Association may return to his home feeling more determined to put forth unremitting effort in this noble work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Pond.

The report was discussed by L. A. Duncan and J. T. Murfee, then adopted.

The Treasurer submitted his report, which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. D. FORTNER, Treasurer,

In account with Bigbee Association:

1890.

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Sept. 13.	To amount received from Finance Committee, vouchers...	\$622 10
	cash.....	229 90
	public collection	28 17
	J. D. Cook, bal. minute fund 1890..	60
	F. L. Rusheu.....	50
	public collection for minutes.....	4 33
1891.		
Sept. 10.	To amount received from J. D. Cook, bal. minute fund 1890...	2 60-\$888 20
1890.		CR.
Sept. 13.	By amount paid J. D. Cook for minutes.....	\$ 45 93
	W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Secretary.....	210 97
	B. F. Riley for Howard College.....	5 00
	for remitting.....	60
	cash to balance on hand.....	3 60
	amount vouchers received from Finance Committee.....	622 10-\$888 20
	Respectfully submitted,	A. D. FORTNER.

The committee on Nominations read their report, as follows :

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

That the next session of this body be held with Cuba church, Sumter county, Ala., and to convene at 10 o'clock a. m. on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, 1892.

That Eld. J. R. Larkin preach the introductory sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m.

That Eld. A. J. Hearn preach the missionary sermon on Friday at 11 o'clock a. m.

That Eld. W. G. Curry preach on Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. FORTNER, Ch'n.

After some discussion as to whether it would not be better to meet on Saturday, the report was adopted as presented.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by W. F. Pond and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the members of this Association are hereby tendered the members of Zion church, and the citizens of this community, for their kind and generous hospitality extended to us during our stay among them.

The report on Finance was submitted and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Home Missions.....	vouchers.....	\$268 98
Home Missions.....	cash.....	31 55-\$ 403 83
Foreign Missions.....	vouchers.....	159 68
Foreign Missions.....	cash.....	30 20- 189 88
State Missions.....	vouchers.....	215 63
State Missions.....	cash.....	62 44- 278 12
Indigent ministers	cash.....	15 85
Bible and Colportage Work.....	cash.....	18 90
Ministerial Education at Howard College.....	vouchers.....	151 55
Ministerial Education at Howard College.....	cash.....	16 00- 167 55
Minutes.....		33 92
Minutes, collected at Association.....		3 50- 37 42
Associational purposes and undesignated	vouchers.....	1 50
Howard College building.....	cash.....	10 60- 12 10
	vouchers.....	230 00

COLLECTED AT ASSOCIATION.

Missionary collection.....	.....	vouchers..	2 50
Missionary collection.....	.....	cash.....	74 00-
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, b'd to C. G. Elliott.....	.....	cash....	11 55
Howard College dormitories, paid to D. I. Purser.....	.....	cash.....	3 00
Total. ....	.....		\$1441 70

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BROCK, }
 H. R. FOSS, } Com.
 A. P. EVANS, }

The committee on Correspondence submitted their report, which was adopted :

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your committee on Correspondence are glad to report that we have had a goodly number of visiting brethren with us.

They are as follows: Representative Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chas. G. Elliott; Chickasabey Association, Miss., L. A. Duncan and C. G. Elliott; Bethel Association, J. M. Kailin; Editor Alabama Baptist, C. W. Hare; Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, W. B. Crampston; Financial Secretary Howard College and Representative of S. S. Board of Southern Baptist Convention, D. I. Purser; Cahaba Association, J. T. Murfee; President Howard College, B. F. Riley; Bethlehem Association, Miss., J. M. Ross.

We thank these brethren for their presence and the part which they have taken in our deliberations. We cordially invite them to meet with us again.

We also recommend that any brother in any of the churches composing this body, visiting a sister Association, be received as a corresponding messenger upon presentation of a copy of our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

JACKSON BURTON, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed standing committees to report at next session. These committees will be found on inside of first page of cover.

The Committee on Apportionment submitted their report of the amount the churches are requested to contribute during the next Associational year, as follows:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible Work.	Indigent Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	Total for each church.
Beulah	\$ 7 45	\$ 5 75	\$ 5 75	\$ 60	\$ 1 20	\$ 4 00	24 75
Christian Valley	13 30	6 90	6 90	1 15	1 75	10 00	40 00
Clinton	9 75	6 00	6 00	1 00	1 25	10 00	34 00
Concord	28 75	6 90	8 05	60	1 75	15 00	61 05
Cnba	25 00	6 00	7 00	50	1 50	15 00	55 00
Demopolis	16 50	8 75	8 75	60	5 70	5 00	45 30
Eutaw	5 00	5 00	4 00	.....	1 00	1 00	16 00
Epes	5 76	2 30	2 30	60	1 20	5 00	17 15
Friendship	9 20	5 75	5 75	60	1 20	1 00	23 50
Gainesville	13 00	5 05	5 12	60	1 20	5 00	30 00
Hickory Hill	5 00	1 35	1 35	.....	50	1 00	9 20
Hopewell, Choctaw county	5 00	2 15	2 33	.....	50	5 00	15 00
Hopewell, Sumter county	13 80	3 45	3 45	60	60	5 00	26 90
Livingston	50 00	25 00	22 00	1 00	2 00	25 00	125 00
Mt. Hermon	5 00	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00	2 50	12 50
Mt. Pleasant	23 00	8 05	8 05	60	1 75	15 00	56 45
Mt. Sterling	5 00	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00	1 00	11 00
New Prospect	13 20	4 00	5 45	60	1 75	3 00	28 00
Rehoboth	20 00	7 00	7 00	60	3 00	5 00	42 60
Shorts	10 00	4 00	4 50	60	90	5 00	25 00
Siloam	17 25	9 75	9 75	60	1 75	4 00	43 10
Sunterville	20 10	5 15	4 60	66	3 75	18 00	49 50
York	15 10	10 65	10 80	1 40	3 75	15 00	60 00
Zion	10 00	3 00	3 00	60	3 40	5 00	25 00
Total	\$349 75	\$145 95	\$145 95	\$13 45	\$13 40	\$177 50	\$876 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. GRANBERRY, Chairman.

After discussion by A. J. Hearn, F. M. Ward and J. D. Cook the report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention: J. D. Cook, from the Association, and W. G. Curry and A. J. Hearn, upon money basis.

On motion the Treasurer was directed to divide the missionary collections equally among State, Home and Foreign Missions.

The Treasurer was also directed to pay the minute fund, together with the balance in his hands from this fund, to the Clerk.

The Clerk was instructed to have the minutes printed and distributed, and be allowed \$15.00 for his services. A contribution of \$3.50 was made to be added to the minute fund.

After prayer by J. D. Cook, the Association adjourned to meet with Cuba Baptist Church on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, 1892.

J. D. COOK,
Clerk.

J. R. LARKIN,
Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This body shall be known by the name of the BIGBEA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.
2. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, from its own body, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected.
3. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, and shall discharge the duties usually imposed upon officers presiding over deliberative bodies.
4. The Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceeding of this Association, and shall attend to the printing and distributing of the Minutes.
5. The Treasurer shall perform the duties usually assigned to such officer, and shall report annually to the Association.
6. The Association shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it shall from time to time appoint.
7. Every church shall be entitled to two delegates, and also one for every twenty-five members exceeding twenty-five.
8. This Association disclaims all right of exercising authority over the internal regulation of churches, believing that within their own sphere they are accountable to God only.
9. The Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members comprising the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one living and true God: that in the Godhead are Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the New Testament is the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe that the Church of God is composed of such persons as believe in Jesus Christ, and have been baptized; that baptism consists in the immersion of the whole body in water; and that the Lord's Supper should be administered to church members only.
4. We believe in the doctrines of grace taught by the United Baptists, viz: In the depravity of man; in the converting grace of God; in the resurrection of the dead; in the general judgment; in the eternal life of the righteous; in the everlasting punishment of the wicked.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. At each meeting of this Association the Moderator shall take the chair, shall call the members to order, shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal, shall open and close the Association with prayer, shall appoint committees, when not otherwise ordered, and shall pronounce the decisions to the Association.
2. The names of members shall be called each day, and invitations to seats extended to ministering brethren.
3. The members shall observe respect to officers and to each other, shall arise when addressing the Moderator, shall confine themselves to the questions, shall avoid personalities, shall not speak without leave more than once, until every member shall have opportunity to speak, and shall sustain that bearing to each other which becomes gentlemen and Christians.
4. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, and then shall be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover before amendment or decision.
5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone; which motion shall have precedence in the order enumerated.
6. All questions, except those relating to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority. Any member voting with the majority may move for a reconsideration on the day of decision. Members may not leave the Association without permission.
7. When questions of order are not provided for in these rules, they shall be decided according to the rules and regulations governing legislative bodies generally.

8. The Association shall have power to receive into its body and fellowship such churches as apply for admission; and shall also be empowered to withdraw its fellowship from any church or body of men walking disorderly, and supposed to be unworthy the fellowship of this Association.

STATISTICS OF BIGBEE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	County.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Clark's Post-Office.	Increase by	Decrease by	No. ordained Ministers.	No. licensed Preachers.	No. licensed Deacons.	No. licensed Elders.	No. ordained Ministers.	No. licensed Preachers.	No. licensed Deacons.	No. licensed Elders.
					Baptists.	Methodists.								
Baptist.	Sumter.	C. S. Ray.....	M. P. May.....	Kinterbush.....	4	4	39	10	1	1	39	10	1	1
Christian Valley.	"	T. W. Hart.....	B. B. Seaton.....	Catopta.....	1	1	30	10	1	1	30	10	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	C. B. Loyd.....	W. D. Greene.....	Clinton.....	3	3	31	10	1	1	31	10	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	A. J. Wilson.....	J. D. Phillips.....	Clinton Creek.....	4	4	31	10	1	1	31	10	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	J. D. Cook.....	R. W. Shaw.....	Clinton.....	2	2	106	7	6	5	106	7	6	5
Clinton.	Greene.	W. G. Curry.....	Thos. E. McKinley.....	Dromohols.....	4	4	20	3	1	1	20	3	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	C. C. Venable.....	L. S. Keller.....	Eves.....	1	1	20	3	1	1	20	3	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	Not supplied.....	Miss Lizzie Calvin.....	Elaine.....	1	1	10	10	1	1	10	10	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	Not supplied.....	O. G. Thomas.....	Gainesville.....	1	1	10	10	1	1	10	10	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	W. F. Pond.....	W. S. Woodward.....	Brevill's Store.....	1	1	26	8	1	1	26	8	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	J. A. Vaughan.....	J. A. Vaughan.....	Mt. Sterling.....	1	1	30	10	1	1	30	10	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	J. B. Tucker.....	J. W. Tuck.....	Belmont.....	1	1	31	10	1	1	31	10	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	J. B. Larkin.....	J. S. Collier.....	Livingston.....	1	1	32	1	6	1	32	1	6	1
Clinton.	Greene.	J. C. Curry.....	W. T. Gaines.....	Gaines.....	1	1	35	1	1	1	35	1	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	W. S. Ray.....	W. T. Gaines.....	York Station.....	1	1	35	1	1	1	35	1	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	Not supplied.....	A. J. McElroy.....	China.....	1	1	30	10	1	1	30	10	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	J. M. Kilday.....	J. W. McElroy.....	China.....	1	1	60	10	1	1	60	10	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	T. H. Woodland.....	J. B. Turner.....	Mc. Steele.....	1	1	29	10	1	1	29	10	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	Not supplied.....	W. P. Brower.....	Livingston.....	1	1	26	10	1	1	26	10	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	A. J. Brown.....	J. W. Cook.....	Pochontahal.....	1	1	13	2	3	1	13	2	3	1
Clinton.	Greene.	C. C. Voarney.....	J. W. Heard.....	Gaston.....	1	1	30	1	3	1	30	1	3	1
Clinton.	Greene.	W. F. Pond.....	Levi Powers.....	Gaston.....	1	1	100	12	10	1	100	12	10	1
Clinton.	Greene.	J. D. Cook.....	A. R. Paynter.....	Sumterville.....	1	1	32	1	1	1	32	1	1	1
Clinton.	Greene.	W. G. Curry.....	E. M. Flowers.....	York station.....	1	1	30	1	6	1	30	1	6	1
Clinton.	Greene.	A. J. Heard.....	J. M. Brinson.....	Roxby.....	1	1	25	1	2	1	25	1	2	1
Total.					11	2	1179	48	29	4	1179	48	29	4

Total from last year's report.

TUESDAY session, Superintendent and Turn Post Office—W. F. Pond, Kinterbush, Benlatch, Clinton, Coalton, Larkin, Tarkin, Christian Valley church; S. M. Verpoorten, Clinton church; W. H. Phillips, Yandly Creek, Clinton church; E. M. Shaw, China, China church; E. D. Forten, Hopewell church; J. R. Speed, Hopewell church; A. D. Forten, Livingston, Livingston church; J. W. Gibson, Jefferson, Mt. Pleasant church; J. W. Gibson, Jefferson, Mt. Pleasant church; J. W. Cook, Pushmataha, Rehoboth church; G. W. Green, York station, Siloam; W. H. Bronson, Somerville, Somerville church; W. J. Pack, York Station, York church.

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